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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

It is requested that the reference(s) listed on the attached Information Disclosure Citation Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Patent Examiner in connection with the above-identified application and be made of record therein.

Copies of the references were previously cited by and/or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in related Application Nos. 09/162,988, filed September 29, 1998 and 08/855,252 filed May 13, 1997 (the "prior applications"). The present application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the prior applications for an earlier filing date. Therefore, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of the references are not enclosed.

Independent consideration and acknowledgment of the listed reference(s) are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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